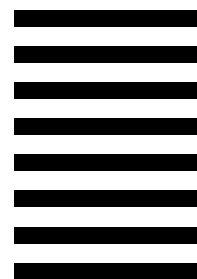


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PROJECT UPDATE

Recently there has been increased news coverage regarding the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP). While we work to resolve issues regarding project funding and direction, we are committed to keeping you informed of the latest developments. Here is a brief update:

- The Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PMACWA) and Bechtel Pueblo are studying options that may reduce the cost of constructing and operating the destruction facility while fully protecting our workers, the public and the environment.
- The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., has been directed by the Department of Defense to investigate the possible relocation of chemical weapons stockpiles in an effort to help the United States achieve a 2012 Chemical Weapons Convention (treaty) 100 percent destruction milestone.
- Until the results of this investigation are known, the start of Stage One construction for PCAPP has been suspended. At the government's direction, the Bechtel Pueblo Team cancelled seven active procurements for construction contracts. Stage One includes about \$50 million worth of work for site preparation like roads, fencing, earthwork, underground utilities and temporary buildings.
- The Bechtel Pueblo Team will maintain staffing at the current level, complete design packages for all parts of the plant except processing buildings and continue the application process for a Stage Two construction permit from the State of Colorado. Stage Two includes design and construction of support facilities such as a control room, warehouses, a laboratory, an entry control facility and aboveground utilities.
- The project has the necessary permits and is ready to restart Stage One construction activities if directed to do so. The project also is prepared to proceed with Stage Two construction if permits are issued and funding is available.
- Stage Three is the design and construction of the main weapons destruction facility and includes the energetics (explosives) processing building, the chemical agent processing building and the biotreatment area. This design work is on hold while we examine ways to better control project size and cost without compromising safety and environmental protection.
- Throughout these program changes, our commitment to safely destroying the chemical weapons stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot and keeping you informed remains unchanged. We're also committed to passing along information we are provided on the relocation evaluation as soon as the Army's Chemical Materials Agency completes this task. Information will continue to be distributed through additional mailers, our quarterly newsletter and regular briefings in the community.



To keep you better informed and seek your opinion, the Pueblo Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office will be sending you project updates every so often. If you have questions or comments, jot them down and send the reply card back, or call the outreach office at (719) 546-0400.

UPCOMING EVENT

Colorado Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC) Meeting
February 23, 2005
Pueblo Convention Center
6 p.m.

For more information regarding CAC activities or matters related to the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment, contact Jeannine Natterman at (888) 569-1831.

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